

Fire Prevention Inspection Schedule

NC Fire Code Section 106

In order to preserve and to protect public health and safety, and to satisfy the requirements of General Statute 153A-364 and General Statute 160A-424, political subdivisions assuming inspection duties, as set out in General Statute 153A-351 and General Statute 160A-411, shall have a periodic inspection schedule for the purpose of identifying activities and conditions in buildings, structures, and premises that pose dangers of fire, explosion, or related hazards. Such inspection schedule shall be approved by the local governing body and shall be submitted to the Division of Engineering of the Department of Insurance. In no case may inspections be conducted less frequently than described in the schedule below:

Once every year	Hazardous, Institutional, High Rise, Assembly except those noted below, and Residential except 1 and 2 family dwellings and only interior common areas of dwelling units of multifamily occupancies.
Once every two years	Industrial and Educational (except public schools)
Once every three years	Assembly occupancies with an occupant load of less than 100, Business, Mercantile, Storage, Churches, Synagogues, and miscellaneous Group U occupancies.

Frequency rates for inspection of occupancies as mandated by the North Carolina General Statutes shall supersede this schedule. Nothing in this section is intended to prevent a jurisdiction from conducting more frequent inspection than the schedule listed above or the schedule filed with the Engineering Division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

On unattended or abandoned structures, the fire official shall affix a letter on the premises in a conspicuous place at or near the entrance to such premises requesting an inspection in accordance with Section 107 of this code. This order of notice shall be mailed to by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested, to the last known address of the owner, occupant , or both. If the owner, occupant or both shall fail to respond to said notice within ten (10) calendar days, these actions by the fire official shall be deemed to constitute an inspection in accordance with this section.

